

BISCAYNE GARDENS MAC MINUTES  
JULY 22, 2004

Present: Anne Cates, Estomene Dorcely, Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon, Robert Kirschbaum, Michelle McCook, Patrina Dozier-Washington, Ann Zimmerman,

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Vernell Everett. Motion to approved minutes by P. Dozier-Washington, second by V. Everett.

Several upcoming dates on the proposed work plan were changed. 9/2/04 changed to 9/9/04. The first public hearing changed to 11/11/04. Motion by P. Dozier-Washington to accept changes to work plan until next meeting, second by A. Gates.

Presentation of services provided by the following Miami-County Departments.

**TEAM METRO – Joe Chao and Sheldon Frazin**

Provides residential and commercial code enforcement services and graffiti eradication. Community outreach services e.g., community beautification/ clean-up projects, referral services for Federal, State, County and private agencies, accepts U.S. passport applications.

1 enforcement officer and 1 Service Rep. assigned to Biscayne Gardens. Total cost \$55,642 for six months of service. Fines and fees go into the County's general fund. At least 2 enforcement officers are needed to handle code enforcement issues in Biscayne Gardens.

**DEPT. OF PLANNING AND ZONING – Tom Spehar**

Administers and enforces the Comprehensive Development Master Plan and zoning codes of Miami-Dade County. Zoning inspections of properties to determine if they meet all zoning requirements such as, setbacks, spacing, and height and plat restrictions. Due to State Statues, new municipalities would be required adopt the Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

New municipalities must also adopt the County's zoning and landscape codes. City may elect to change codes to suite the development within the city's boundaries.

New cities have the option of staying with the County's Planning and Zoning Dept. or using the services of a consulting firm. The Planning and Zoning Dept. was unable to give the cost for the service to the residents of Biscayne Gardens.

**MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPT. Chief D. Downey**

The largest fire department in the Southeastern United States with approximately 2000 employees, 1300 assigned to operations at 58 fire stations. Leads the nation in emergency medical service, fire suppression and search and rescue. Serves unincorporated Miami-Dade County, including 33 municipalities.

The fire rescue service is not affected by incorporation. A 2.54 milage is assessed on each Miami-Dade County residential tax bill for fire rescue service. Service for newly incorporated areas would not change.

Presently, Biscayne Gardens lies within the boundaries of two fire stations. Station 19, 650 NW 131 St. and station 32, 16899 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Court.

Motion to adjourn by V. Everett, second by P. Dozier-Washington.